CERCLA 104(e) INFORMATION REQUEST URGENT LEGAL MATTER: PROMPT REPLY REQUESTED CERTIFIED MAIL: RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 70110110000135903192

Explo Systems, Inc. David Fincher, President 226 Spicer Road Burns, TN 71106

Re: Explo Systems, Inc., Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana

SSID No. A6GH

Dear Sir:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seeks cooperation from this company in providing information and documents relating to the Explo Systems, Inc., site (Site). Obtained information will aid the EPA in its investigation of the release or threat of release of certain hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants at this Site. The response from this entity will also help the EPA develop a better understanding of activities that occurred at the Site.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 104(e), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), gives the EPA the authority to require a business to respond to this information request (see Enclosure 1). We encourage your company to give this matter its full attention, and we respectfully request that you respond to this request for information within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. You may designate another official of this company with the requisite authority to respond on behalf of the company. However, failure to respond to this information request may result in the EPA seeking penalties of up to \$37,500 per day of violation. In addition, furnishing false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations is subject to criminal penalty under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Please provide a written response to Ms. Cynthia Brown, Removal Enforcement Coordinator, at the address included in the Information Request. <u>Please refer to the enclosures below, which include important instructions and definitions, as well as the questions for response, in the preparation of your reply to this Information Request.</u>

If you have any questions regarding this letter, contact Ms. Brown at (214) 665-7480. For legal questions concerning this letter, please have your legal counsel contact Mr. George Malone, Assistant Regional Counsel, at (214) 665-8030. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Wren Stenger, Associate Director Technical and Enforcement Branch Superfund Division

Enclosures (3)